

MAILING DATE: SEP -4 2019

Ms. Lauren Langrebe
1500 Rosebud Road
Southampton, PA 18966-3384

Dear Ms. Langrebe:

The Department of Human Services ("Department") hereby orders you to **CEASE AND DESIST** operation of an uncertified child care facility located at 1500 Rosebud Road, Southampton, PA 18966-3384.

Article X of the Human Services Code and Departmental regulation define a child care center as any premises in which child care is provided at any one time for seven or more children who are not relatives of the operator (62 P.S. §1001; 55 Pa. Code §3270.4). On August 30, 2019, our representative visited the premises at 1500 Rosebud Road, Southampton, PA 18966-3384. On August 30, 2019, you admitted to our representative that you were providing care for up to eight (8) children at one time who are not your relatives. Furthermore, according to police, on August 27, 2019 around 3:50 P.M., an infant child, eleven (11) months old, was found unresponsive in her car seat, and later passed away at the hospital around 5:30 P.M. Article X and Departmental regulation require that no person shall operate a child care center without having a certificate of compliance issued by the Department (62 P.S. §1002; 55 Pa. Code §3270.11(d)). You do not possess a certificate of compliance from the Department to operate a child care center at 1500 Rosebud Road, Southampton, PA 18966-3384.

On August 30, 2019, our representative observed the following high-risk conditions at your facility:

- Your facility does not have a certificate of occupancy from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry or your local municipality;
- Toxics accessible to children; and
- Body of water/swimming pool accessible to children.

These conditions pose a significant risk to the health and safety of children in your care. Our representative discussed these high-risk items with you on August 30, 2019.

You have the right to appeal the Department's action in accordance with the regulations at 1 Pa. Code Part II. **YOUR APPEAL MUST INDICATE THE REASONS FOR THE APPEAL AND YOU MUST BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE REGARDING YOUR AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION.** You may appeal in conformance with the regulations by writing to:

Ms. Asia Sheppard
Regional Manager
DHS – Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Southeast-North Region – Office of Child Development and Early Learning
801 Market Street, Suite 5132
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3126

To be timely, an appeal must be received at the above address within **30 days** from the mailing date of this letter. If you do not appeal, the action of the Department will become final.

If you have a provider agreement with an Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC), this action may affect your provider agreement. Please refer to your provider agreement for specific information.

The Human Services Code prohibits the operation of a child care facility without a certificate of compliance from the Department (62 P.S. §1002). A child care “facility” is defined to include child care centers (care of 7 or more children) **and** “family child care homes” (care of 4 to 6 children) (62 P.S. §1001). The Human Services Code provides that any person operating a child care facility without the required certificate of compliance commits a criminal offense and may be subject to a fine of up to \$300 for each day of operating without a certificate of compliance (62 P.S. §1031). These penalties can increase for second and subsequent offenses (62 P.S. §1031).

Sincerely,


Tracey Campanini,
Deputy Secretary

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